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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/580,458

Applicant(s)

VAINCHENKER ET AL.

Examiner

SHERIDAN SWOPE

Art Unit

1652

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to October 15 and November 13, 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 8, 9, 24-26, 29, 31 and 42-46.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 0310
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/SHERIDAN SWOPE/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1652

DETAILED ACTION

Applicants' Request for Continued Examination of October 15, 2009 and further amendment of November 13, 2009, in response to the Action on the Merits of this case mailed April 20, 2009, are acknowledged. It is acknowledged that Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 24-26, 29-31, and 42 have been amended. Claims 1-27 and 29-42 are pending. Claims 5-7, 10-23, 27, and 32-41 were withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b). Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 24-26, 29-31, and 42 are hereby reexamined.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Specification

Replace the title to Figure 1, page 26-line 16, with:

-Figure 1: Discovery of the key role of JAK2 in the Epo receptor.-

Claims

Cancel Claims 5-7, 10-23, 27, 30, and 32-41

Replace Claims 8, 9, 24, 25, and 29 with the following.

-8. An isolated nucleic acid consisting essentially of at least 12 consecutive nucleotides of sequence SEQ ID NO 3 or 4, wherein the isolated nucleic acid comprises the nucleotide t^{261} in SEQ ID NO 3 or t^{50} in SEQ ID NO 4, wherein the isolated nucleic has the functional properties of a probe or primer.-

-9. The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 8, wherein said isolated nucleic acid is SEQ ID NO: 11 with a g²¹t mutation.-

-24. A kit for detecting a G¹⁸⁴⁹T mutation in the human JAK2 gene in a human tumor, wherein the kit comprises one or more primers or probes, as defined in claim 8, for the specific detection of the presence or absence of the G¹⁸⁴⁹T mutation in the human JAK2 gene, wherein the G¹⁸⁴⁹T mutation is nucleotide t²⁶¹ in SEQ ID NO 3 or t⁵⁰ in SEQ ID NO 4.-

- 25. A kit for determining whether a patient is suffering from a myeloproliferative disorder involving a G¹⁸⁴⁹T mutation of the human JAK2 gene, wherein the kit comprise one or more probes or primers, as defined in claim 8, for the specific detection of the presence or absence of the G¹⁸⁴⁹T mutation in the human JAK2 gene.-

- 29. An isolated siRNA capable of reducing, by more than 50%, the expression of the variant of human JAK2 protein according to claim 1 in an isolated cell system, wherein the siRNA is 19 to 25 nucleotides in length, with the sequence of a first strand being identical and the sequence of a second strand being complementary to sequence (i) SEQ ID NO 3, (ii) SEQ ID NO 4, or (iii) SEQ ID NO 11 with a g²¹t mutation.-

Add Claim 43-46 as follows:

43. The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 8, wherein said nucleic acid consists essentially of 15 to 30 consecutive nucleotides of sequence SEQ ID NO 3 or 4, wherein the nucleic acid comprises the nucleotide t²⁶¹ in SEQ ID NO 3 or t⁵⁰ in SEQ ID NO 4.

44. The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 8, wherein said nucleic acid consists essentially of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides.

45. The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 8, wherein said nucleic acid consists of at least 12 consecutive nucleotides.

46. The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 8, wherein said nucleic acid consists of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by Rouget Henschel on March 29, 2010.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 24-26, 29, 31, and 42-46 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

All allowable claims, Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 24-26, 29, 31, and 42-46, are limited to an isolated variant of human JAK2 kinase having a V⁶¹⁷F mutation, as set forth by SEQ ID NO: 2, isolated encoding nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, methods of making the encoded protein, probes and primers for identifying the V⁶¹⁷F mutation, and siRNA for inhibiting expression of the encoding polynucleotide. The utility of the recited polypeptides and polynucleotides is based on, for example, 90% of Polycythemia Vera patients tested (39/43) having the JAK2 kinase V⁶¹⁷F mutation (Example 1). Thus, the recited polypeptides and polynucleotides have real-world use in, at least, diagnosis and further study of Polycythemia Vera.

Priority

The priority date granted for the allowable claims, Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 24-26, 29, 31, 42, and 43, is October 27, 2004, the filing date of FRANCE 0411480, which disclosed the recited subject matter.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheridan L. Swope whose telephone number is 571-272-0943. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F; 9:30-7 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang, can be reached on 571-272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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